



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

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AUSTIN . . .The October production forecast for Texas cotton and corn increased from the previous forecast according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2004 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 7.3 million bales, up 69 percent from 2003 and 4 percent above last month's forecast. Yield is expected to average 637 pounds per acre compared with 478 pounds last year. Acres expected for harvest, at 5.5 million were unchanged from the previous month.

**Corn** production is forecast at 212.8 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year's production, and up 2 percent from last month. Based on October 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 133 bushels per acre, 15 bushels more than in 2003 and up 3 bushels from last month's forecast. Planted and harvested acreage was 1.8 million and 1.6 million acres, respectively.

Texas **peanut** production is down 4 percent from last year, at 775.5 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,300 pounds per acre, is up 300 pounds from last year and unchanged from last month's forecast.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 74.6 million hundredweight (cwt), 13 percent below last year. Yield, at 3,640 pounds per acre, is up 616 pounds from last year, and 224 pounds more than last month. Planted and harvested acreage was 2,250,000 and 2,050,000 acres, respectively.

**Rice** producers expect to harvest 14.3 million cwt, up 21 percent from 2003 and up 2 percent from last month. Yield is forecast at 6,600 pounds per acre, the same as a year ago and 100 pounds more than last month's forecast.

The 2004 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 8.5 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year's production. Yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year. Planted and harvested acreage was 290,000 and 275,000 acres, respectively.

United States corn production is forecast at 11.6 billion bushels, up 15 percent from last year. A yield of 158.4 bushels per acre is forecast, up 16.2 bushels from last year. The sorghum crop is expected to be 258.6 million cwt, up 12 percent from 2003. The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 20.8 million bales, up 17 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 3.11 billion bushels, up 27 percent from last year. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 4.1 billion pounds, down fractionally from a year ago. U.S. rice production is forecast at 225.5 million cwt, up 13 percent from 2003.

TEXAS DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2002 AND 2003 <sup>1</sup>

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
CORN	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	
1-N .....	623.5	670.0	561.0	585.0	195.1	195.2	109,461	114,200
4 .....	616.0	590.0	584.0	525.0	86.0	93.3	50,231	49,000
8-N .....	195.0	162.0	164.0	160.0	53.3	87.5	8,748	14,000
9 .....	181.0	157.0	168.5	145.0	58.9	103.4	9,927	15,000
Other districts <sup>2</sup> .....	214.5	221.0	172.5	185.0	94.7	111.4	16,333	20,600
STATE .....	1, 830.0	1,800.0	1,650.0	1,600.0	118.0	133.0	194,700	212,800
UPLAND COTTON	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>1,000 bales</u>	
1-N .....	826	850	360	770	707	773	530	1,240
1-S .....	2, 735	2,845	2,050	2,600	407	570	1,740	3,090
2-N .....	385	390	359	390	332	492	248	400
2-S .....	466	490	445	470	343	490	318	480
4 .....	115	130	110	125	502	614	115	160
7 .....	151	160	140	160	446	660	130	220
8-N .....	55	75	51	73	838	986	89	150
8-S .....	346	365	342	360	737	867	525	650
9 .....	230	260	214	240	532	730	237	365
10-S .....	202	210	193	210	614	846	247	370
Other districts <sup>2</sup> .....	89	125	86	102	843	824	151	175
STATE .....	5, 600	5,900	4,350	5,500	478	637	4,330	7,300
SORGHUM	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>1,000 cwt</u>	
1-N .....	816.0	500.0	660.0	415.0	3,167	3,711	20,900	15,400
1-S .....	610.0	170.0	534.0	150.0	2,147	3,067	11,467	4,600
2-S .....	100.0	85.0	72.0	80.0	1,831	2,275	1,318	1,820
4 .....	274.0	255.0	266.0	235.0	4,190	4,298	11,145	10,100
7 .....	64.0	70.0	58.0	60.0	2, 479	2,450	1,438	1,470
8-N .....	136.0	120.0	124.0	110.0	2,631	3,727	3,263	4,100
8-S .....	365.0	330.0	354.0	320.0	3,684	4,313	13,042	13,800
9 .....	223.0	190.0	205.0	180.0	3,065	3,472	6,283	6,250
10-N .....	103.0	80.0	95.0	75.0	2,426	3,733	2,305	2,800
10-S .....	429.0	380.0	424.0	375.0	3,197	3,564	13,557	13,365
Other districts <sup>2</sup> .....	80.0	70.0	58.0	50.0	2, 528	1,830	1,466	915
STATE .....	3, 200.0	2,250.0	2,850.0	2,050.0	3,024	3,640	86,184	74,620

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary, October, 2004. <sup>2</sup> Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

